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1. George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee called to inquire regarding the case of [] which he wishes to discuss with me as soon as I have ascertained the necessary facts.

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2. Discussed with Mr. Siegfried, Assistant Register of Copyrights, the problem raised by the offer of a contract by Columbia Records to [] as a soldier assigned to OSS, translated certain songs into German and Marlene Dietrich recorded them for OSS propaganda purposes. She now wishes to release these recordings and pay [] the appropriate fee for his translations. Mr. Siegfried confirmed my view that, (a) the translation of many of these songs was made by OSS without the permission of the copyright owner and therefore were illegally made, and (b) if the songs were in the public domain the translations were made by [] as a Government employee, on Government direction, on Government time, and he therefore in all probability would not be permitted to receive additional outside compensation for the work.

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3. Miss Meekison, of the Legal Advisor's office of the Department of State, called to state that Roger Jones of the Bureau of the Budget had determined that there would be no substantive changes in any of the statutes which it was necessary to extend due to the termination of the war with Germany and Japan. Such statutes as could be extended would be extended, but no other changes would be made.

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4. Mr. Hulick, of DD/P, requested information as to why the Senate Judiciary Committee had issued a subpoena for a [] [] Mr. Morris and Mr. Mandel, of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, informed me that [] has not been subpoenaed, but is appearing as a long-range friendly witness on Russian activities in the Far East. I have so informed Mr. Hulick.

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